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PHOSPHINES AND THE USE THEREOF AS PERFLUOROALKYLATING

REACTANTS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the office action dated May 24, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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